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SUBJ: AAU WRESTLING TEAM

REF: STATE 284730

1. WE ARE VERY INTERESTED IN BRINGING AUU WRESTLING TEAM TO KABUL IF COSTS CAN BE MANAGED.

2. HAVE CONSULTED WITH AFGHAN OLYMPIC FEDERATION (AOF); THEY ARE ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT PROSPECTIVE PROGRAM OF COMPETITIONS, CLINICS. WILLING ARRANGE OPEN-AIR COMPETITION IN 25,000-SEAT GHAZI STADIUM WITH AFGHAN WRESTLERS, AS WELL AS CLINICS AND DEMONSTRATIONS AT MILITARY CLUBS, INSTITUTE OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION, KABUL UNIVERSITY, MIN. OF EDUCATION WRESTLING CLUBS. AOF WILL PROVIDE FOOD AND LODGING DURING STAY AND WORK CLOSELY AS CO-SPONSOR WITH USIS IN MAKING PROGRAMMING ARRANGEMENTS. HOPE TEAM COULD STAY FULL WEEK BUT CAN MAKE DO WITH SHORTER VISIT. PREFERABLE FOR STADIUM COMPETITION INCLUDE LOCAL WEEKEND THURSDAY-FRIDAY.

3. AOF INTERESTED ONLY IN FREE SYTLE WRESTLING. PREFER ONE WRESTLER EACH WEIGHT CLASS ONE TO NINE, BUT WILLING ACCEPT FEWER WRESTLERS (IN THIS CASE, CLASSES ONE-SIX IF POSSIBLE.) ALSO INTERESTED IN TRAINER FOR 2-3 DAYS TO WORK WITH AFGHAN TRAINERS
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AND WRESTLERS. TRAINING FILMS ON WRESTLING AND PHYSICAL CON-

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DITIONING WOULD ALSO BE USEFUL.

4. INVIEW GREAT INTEREST HERE IN THIS SPORT, TEAM SHOULD HAVE CONSIDERABLE PUBLIC IMPACT; MOREOVER, IT SHOULD APPEAL TO AUDIENCES NOW DIFFICULT TO REACH BY OTHER MEANS.

5. FOR INA: WE ARE PREPARED INVEST SUBSTANTIALLY FOR GOE IN THIS PROGRAM; HOWEVER, COST OF INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL WILL BE VERY HIGH. MIGHT REGIONAL SFC FUNDS BE AVAILABLE TO COVER RT INTERNATIONAL AIR FARE FROM ISTANBUL TO INTERESTED POSTS?
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